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Fourth knockout win for NDP

▶ Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger celebrates the NDP's fourth election win since 1999 as his son, Eric, and wife, Claudette Toupin, cheer him on.

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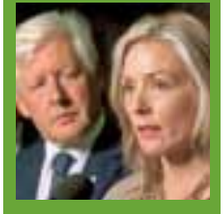

The federal Liberals say the government needs to fight harder against mental illness and suicide. More at metronews.ca/video

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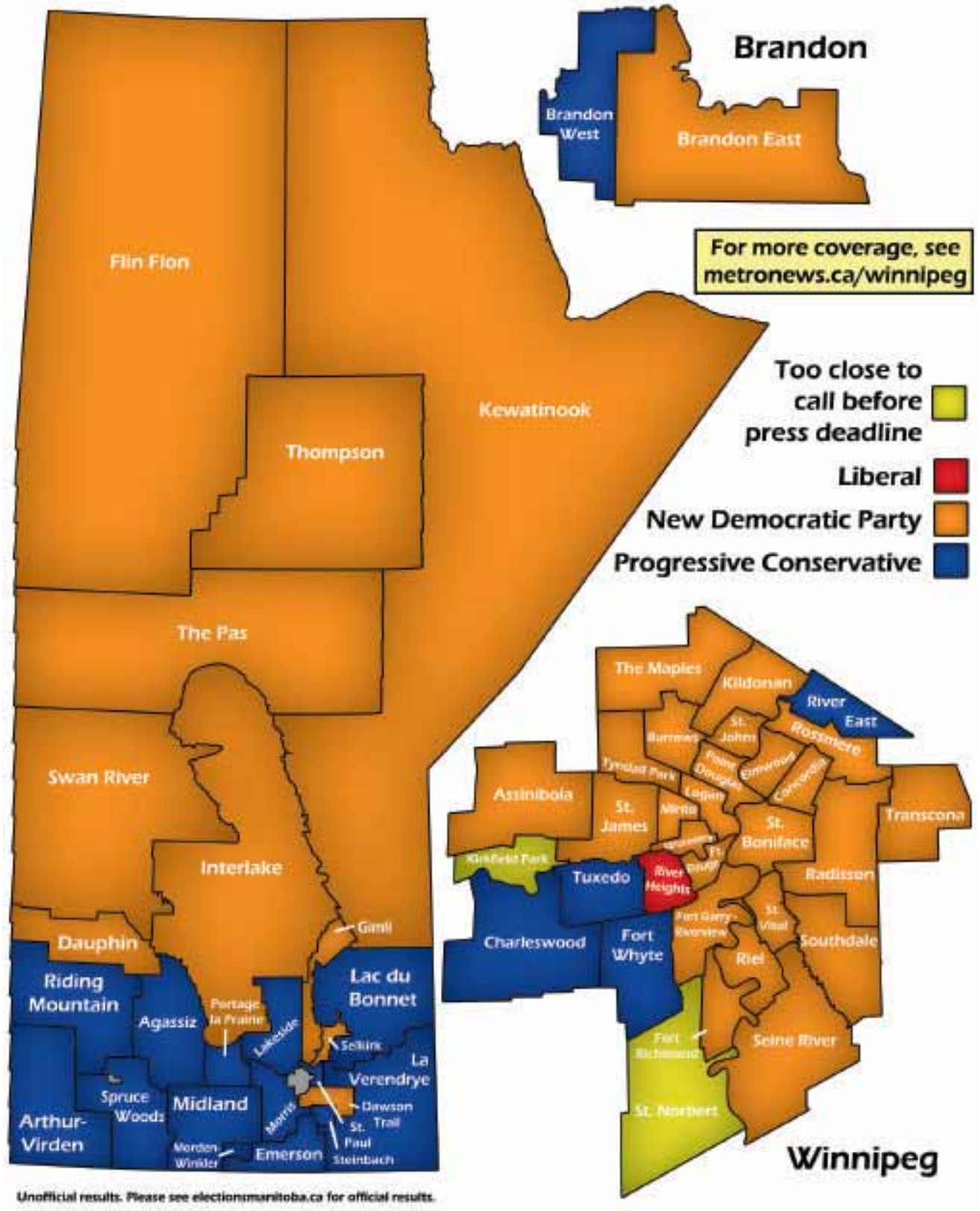
Seats won in Manitoba ridings



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NDP wins 4th straight majority

- Gerrard, McFadyen, Selinger all keep their seats
- Parties differed more on attack ads than policies

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger led the New Democrats to their fourth-consecutive majority yesterday in an election that turned on an urban-rural split.

The NDP racked up a convincing win over Hugh McFadyen's Progressive Conservatives, who went down to defeat despite running neck and neck with the New Democrats in the popular vote.

The NDP used its popularity in seat-rich Winnipeg to catapult itself to victory. The party was leading or elected in all but a handful of the city's 31 constituencies.

The Tories were dominating the seats and popular vote outside Winnipeg, but it wasn't enough to stop the NDP from returning to power in the 57-seat legislature.

Liberal leader Jon Gerrard managed to keep his party alive, squeaking out a win against solid competitor Marty Morantz.

"You have to deliver bottom line results if you want to carry on as leader of the party. We didn't get results that we wanted. So I am announcing tonight that I am stepping down as our party leader and I'll be inviting others to step up and take the opportunity to lead our party into the future."
HUGH MCFADYEN, TORY LEADER

It was a satisfying win for Selinger in St. Boniface, given that prospects looked bleak for the party earlier this year.

As recently as seven months ago, polls suggested the Tories were well out in front of the New Democrats, but Selinger polished his public-speaking skills and developed a more aggressive tone when debating his opponents.

That tone was evident throughout the hotly contested four-week election campaign.

On billboards, television and in print, the NDP accused McFadyen of having a secret agenda to privatize Crown corporations and cut health care.

One NDP ad included a photo of a scared little girl curled up in her mother's arms with the question: "Can your family risk Hugh McFadyen and the PCs?"

CRYSTAL LADERAS/METRO WINNIPEG

▶ Hugh McFadyen delivers his concession speech to supporters yesterday night.

JAMES TURNER/METRO WINNIPEG

▶ Liberal Leader Jon Gerrard votes yesterday morning.

McFadyen spent much of the campaign on the defensive. He took out ads that promised no such cuts would occur. But the Tories also took their own jabs. They accused the NDP of having a soft-on-crime stance and letting criminals roam free. One candidate's radio ad called the Point Douglas area north of downtown Winnipeg "a war zone."

All three parties promised to hire more doctors and nurses to improve health care and to put more police officers on the streets to fight the province's high crime rate.

The NDP and Liberals promised to balance the budget by 2014, while the Tories said they would take until 2018 to avoid tax increases.

The leaders fought to occupy the political centre in a bid to capture the middle-class suburban seats that usually determine Manitoba elections.

Gerrard spent much of the campaign fending off attacks not from his rivals, but from fellow Liberals. One week before the election, one candidate said he was worried the party might not win any seats and placed part of the blame on Gerrard.

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The Results

A few notable wins (and defeats).

- Jim Rondeau (NDP), minister of healthy living, re-elected in Assiniboia; defeated Susan Auch (PC), former Olympic speed skater.
- Gord Steeves (PC), veteran Winnipeg city councillor, defeated in Seine River by Theresa Oswald (NDP), minister of health.
- Gord Mackintosh (NDP), minister of family services, consumer affairs, re-elected in St. Johns.

Judge vexed by booze and crime

- Says not enough treatment options for alcohol abuse
- Drunk man who beat, stabbed wife gets 23 months

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A provincial judge condemned the high rate of booze-influenced crime in Manitoba at a sentencing hearing last week, and hinted the coming ease for people to get liquor is a bad idea.

Provincial Court Judge Fred Sandhu made the comments as he delivered a 10-minute haranguing to a man who beat and stabbed his wife with a broken broomstick as she breast-fed their baby.

The crime was influenced by alcohol and happened during an argument over beer, court heard. Daniel Smith, 26, also admitted to drinking while prohibited due to a probation order.

Smith was sentenced to 23 months time served.

"I'm getting tired of this," said Sandhu. "The effect of alcohol on people and the complete lack of treatment facilities in this province to deal with it."

Sandhu estimated the criminal effects of liquor costs society 30 times what cocaine, meth and other mind-altering drugs do.

Smith's case was an example of how a person needing a drink can engage in violence when they can't get one, he said.

"I understand the power of alcohol. People do what appear to be very evil things because they were under the influence of what can be a very evil substance."
JUDGE FRED SANDHU

"All for the power of alcohol … sold at the corner store — friendly neighbourhood grocery store soon," Sandhu added.

The Manitoba Liquor Control Commission is poised to sell liquor at kiosks and select grocery stores starting next year.

Winnipeg. Kings

▶Caleb Followill of Kings of Leon rocks out the crowd at the MTS Centre last night, with the band playing an upbeat set in front of 9,000 enthusiastic fans.

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Kings treat fans with upbeat set

Air Canada apology not enough for Chiefs

The head of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs says the group does not accept Air Canada' apology over a memo about a decision to stop using downtown Winnipeg hotels for crew layovers.

Grand Chief Derek Nepinak says the airline was half-hearted in its attempt to make things right over the internal memo, which says employees will be staying at a hotel closer to the airport due to security concerns downtown. It also notes that 1,000 displaced people from rural Manitoba are staying in hotels in Winnipeg's core.

The assembly says the reference to the evacuees is racist because many of the people come from a northern reserve affected by flooding.

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Court hears from accused wife of 'Big John' at trial

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A Winnipeg jury has seen and heard directly from the woman accused of orchestrating the murder of her estranged husband, a former Manitoba pro wrestler.

But Melody Sanford, who has pleaded not guilty, says she didn't know any specifics of an alleged plot to kill Ivan 'Big John' Radocaj, she told RCMP Cpl. Ian Spencer in a videotaped police statement from January 2008.

The statement was played for the six-man, six-woman jury hearing the first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder trial currently underway into Radocaj's death.

"I don't know details," she said to RCMP. "I didn't want to know, I just wanted him to be punished. That's all I wanted for him — punished," she said.

"When you say punished, you mean killed?" the veteran officer asked.

"I guess so," Sanford said. "That's what it came to."

Sanford, 47, is alleged to have met with Radocaj at a restaurant in Teulon in order to get him out of his house while others, including Richard, are accused of laying in wait there to kill him.

Sanford told police he was abusive to her and her daughter, an allegation the daughter has denied. Radocaj and Sanford were married for a few weeks in the summer prior to his death, but dated since 2003, she told police.

Sanford said it was Radocaj who phoned her in hopes of meeting at the restaurant on Sept. 12, 2007. While there, she told police she got a call asking her to "stall him."

"I said all right, I'll stall him," she told the officer.

"I didn't know it was going to happen on the twelfth," she said. "It, it happened."

The trial continues today.

The suspects

- Rita Cushnie, 57, and Donald Richard, 35, have also pleaded not guilty for the September 2007 beating death at Radocaj's isolated home in the RM of Armstrong.
- Melody Sanford and Cushnie were friends, and Richard is Cushnie's son.

Knox returns, thanks supporters

- Arrives back in U.S. after acquittal in Italy
- Prosecutor could still appeal verdict

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▶ Amanda Knox talks to reporters in Seattle yesterday. Knox was freed Monday after an Italian appeals court threw out her murder conviction.

Amanda Knox returned to her hometown of Seattle yesterday and was as overcome with emotion as she was a day earlier in Italy, when she was acquitted on murder charges after four years in prison. "Thank you for being there for me," she tearfully told her supporters in front of a crowd of reporters from two continents.

"I'm really overwhelmed right now," she said at a news conference minutes after she was escorted off a British Airways flight out of London.

Knox's life turned around dramatically Monday when an Italian appeals court threw out her conviction in the sexual assault and fatal stabbing of her British roommate in 2007. Yesterday a courtroom picture of Knox crying after the verdict was read appeared on the front pages of newspapers in Italy, the U.S., Britain and around the world.

"I was looking down from the airplane, and it seemed like everything wasn't real."
AMANDA KNOX

After arriving at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Knox, now 24, sobbed at the news conference and held her mother's hand as her lawyer Theodore Simon said her acquittal "unmistakably announced to the world" that she was not responsible for the killing of Meredith Kercher.

After her parents offered their thanks to Knox's lawyers and supporters, Knox spoke briefly, saying, "They're reminding me to speak in English, because I'm having problems with that."

"Thank you to everyone who's believed in me, who has defended me, who has supported my family," she said. "My family's the most important thing to me so I just want to be with them."

Knox's acquittal, fueled by doubts over DNA evidence, stunned the victim's family and angered the prosecution, which insists that she was among three people who killed Kercher, 21. But for Knox's grandmother Elisabeth Huff, "it was like the weight of the world had gone."

"We all are as happy as can be. I can't tell you how long we've been looking forward to this day," Huff told The Associated Press outside her home in West Seattle, a tight-knit community a few miles across Elliott Bay from downtown. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Riot trials may be televised

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▶ Rioters in Vancouver on June 15 overturn a car. Riots broke out after the Vancouver Canucks lost in game seven of the Stanley Cup finals.

Worldwide audiences who watched whooping young men set cars ablaze and loot stores live on TV after Vancouver's Stanley Cup loss to Boston may soon be invited to tune in again, this time for the accused's public shamings in prime time.

The British Columbia government announced in its throne speech on Monday it will respectfully ask Crown prosecutors to push the courts to allow the broadcast of trials of suspected rioters.

Premier Christy Clark told reporters she wants the trials aired because the eruption of violence in downtown Vancouver on June 15 attacked British Columbians' sense of safety.

"Those guys had no problem doing their crimes quite in public, with all kinds of people taking pictures and video all around them," she said. "So I think that they should have no problem being tried in public either." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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"There's somethin' happenin' here. What it is ain't exactly clear."

That's the opening line from the most famous protest song of the '60s, Buffalo Springfield's For What It's Worth. It was written by Stephen Stills, who went on to Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young fame, and then went on to become old and fat, like most of the other citizens of Woodstock Nation.

But, as my grandma used to say, if you hang around long enough, history will repeat itself, like beans for dinner.

My grandma may have been a bit rude, but she was right. There's a new protest movement in town. It's called Occupy Wall Street, and if the youth of today weren't so prejudiced about classic rock, Steve's song would fit right in: There is somethin' happening here … and what it is ain't exactly clear. And that's putting it mildly.

"Like Woodstock Nation, Occupy Wall Street Nation is a shambolic coalition of leftist ideologues, all-over-the-map 'anarchists,' actual poor people struggling to make ends meet and students."

Occupy Wall Street started small in a park near the New York Financial District when 100 people were arrested for being obnoxious on or about Sept. 24, and has grown daily, spreading to other cities in the U.S., Europe and Japan and, of course, Canada, which never wants to be left out.

Occupy Wall Street Nation, spawned by the children of the boomer citizens of Woodstock Nation, is an eerily accurate echo of the original. Stylish, young, technologically hip protesters drape themselves over iconic real estate uttering incoherent slogans.

Back then it was "Smash the state" and "Hell, no, we won't go" and "One, two, three, four — what are we fightin' for?" etc. Today it's "Honk if you're in debt," "Tax the rich," "99 per cent" (as in, 99 per cent are poor; one per cent are rich) and "Compassion is evolutionary"… whatever that means. Slogans and stylin' are more important than policy, which is, after all, complex, boring and contentious. Ee-yew.

Like Woodstock Nation, Occupy Wall Street Nation is a shambolic coalition of leftist ideologues, all-over-the-map "anarchists," actual poor people struggling to make ends meet, and students who naturally support any movement featuring free smoke, free pizza and a chance to meet beautiful people with bells on their toes and rings in their noses.

There's still part of me that wants to stick it to the Man, just like I did back in 1970. Until I remember that I am the Man, man, which is a bummer. When did I get to be the Man? When I got a job? Grew up? Had a family? All of the above?

How about that? Four decades later, and it still ain't exactly clear … for what it's worth.

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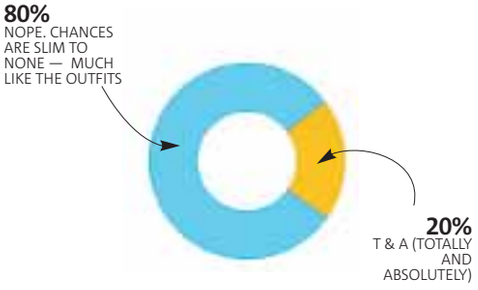

Local tweets

- **@LKLawes:** Temperature Highs of 25,29,27 and 26 this week.. Is it really October in Winnipeg?? #heatwave
- **@MarkHorseman:** My #CFL Grey Cup prediction! A bit of a longshot, but... Winnipeg Blue Bombers at BC Lions.
- **@therealcaity:** There is not enough #vino in the city of #winnipeg to make me happy here
- **@anthonya:** I voted for the Beer Snake. #mbvotes #beersnakeforpremier #winnipeg
- **@HockeyJackass:** Air Canada strikes out against downtown Winnipeg. Was there a questionable play by a Jets player vs. the Habs?
- **@JamesMTapper:** lol at the kijiji listings in Winnipeg for "Exclusive Homes" for rent to NHL players. Delusional people trying to rent their homes.
- **@aliraneymusic:** Today is my husband's Bday. He is the best. I however, am away in Winnipeg, which makes me the worst. But he loves me anyway :) #ywg @raneyb

Letters

RE: Gaga takes her case to Obama, published Sept. 28

After reading this article I felt the same way as Lady Gaga, that bullying should be a hate crime.

Throughout life you always get people saying, "It's just a part of growing up, it builds self-esteem, they like you, just ignore it, just toughen up, just forget it."

Those are some of the things people say, but it's not that easy. There's a poster at my school I really like because it says, "Whoever said don't run from your problems never had to face a bully."

It is hard to go through life with a bully or a memory of a bully on your back.

Bullying can lead to many awful things in life. So many people don't take bullying seriously, including teachers and other adults. If a kid is bullied in school and tells a teacher and the teacher doesn't do anything about it, they're basically saying, "Go ahead, you can bully — it's OK to be mean to someone." However it's not OK. It is completely wrong and people don't know the effects it can have on a person.

GINA VISSER, VANCOUVER B.C.

Cranberry. Harvest

▶ Miguel Sandel of Middleborough, Mass., rakes cranberries into a loading tube during an afternoon harvest at the Hannula cranberry bogs in Carver, Mass., yesterday.

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Photo of the day

Massachusetts cranberry farmers are expecting a robust crop this fall. Researchers said that growing conditions this summer were optimal, with enough hot days interspersed with the right amount of rain.

WEIRD NEWS

Trekking on an 87-year-old mystery

A proposed expedition to Mount Everest later this year could solve an 87-year-old mystery: Did two British adventurers, George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, reach the top of the mountain?

Mallory and Irvine began their assault on June 6, 1924. They were last spotted around 1 p.m. on June 8, climbing an obstacle. They were, according to Scientific American, less than a kilometre from the summit. And then the weather turned bad and they were never seen again.

Their disappearance has prompted many in the climbing community — and beyond — to speculate on what happened to the pair. More than a half a dozen expeditions have scaled Everest over the years to find the missing men and write the final chapter in their mysterious demise.

The tale of these two climbers has long fired the imagination of Tom Holzel, an Everest historian, climber and American businessman. He's the man behind the latest expedition, which is supposed to head out in December.

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Canada tops for business: Forbes

Forbes ranked Canada as the best country for business yesterday, moving up from fourth spot last year, helped by a lower overall tax burden.

The influential U.S. business magazine says the improvement is in part because of the introduction of the harmonized sales tax last year in Ontario and B.C.

The publication also cites lower corporate and employee tax rates for helping business.

Forbes noted that Canada ranked ninth among the 134 countries reviewed for tax burden compared with 23rd in the category for 2010.

Canada beat out New Zealand and Hong Kong, which placed second and third respectively in the overall rankings. The U.S. ranked 10th, down from ninth a year ago.

Forbes ranked the countries based on 11 different factors including property rights, innovation, taxes, technology, corruption, investor protection and stock market performance.

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Market moment

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Oil	**TSX**
- $1.94 US ($75.67 US)	- 73.92 (11,177.91)

▶ Apple CEO Tim Cook talks about the iPhone 4S during an announcement at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif., yesterday.

PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apple unveils new iPhone

Apple Inc. announced the iPhone 4S yesterday, its first product launch without Steve Jobs at the helm. The new iPhone comes with a faster processor and an improved camera with a higher-resolution sensor.

No stimulus unless recession: Flaherty

ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty laid out what would have to happen before he would introduce new stimulus to support the economy and jobs: a new recession.

But Flaherty said he's "relatively confident" that will not happen.

"If we had some sort of world recession, that would change the picture dramatically," Flaherty said of the government's approach.

"But I'm relatively confident that what we're going to see in Canada is modest economic growth over the next little while. I'm comfortable ... with that anticipation for the next little while." THE CANADIAN PRESS

H&M workers seek union

The H&M store at the Square One Shopping Centre in Mississauga could soon be the first of the Swedish-based retailer's more than 50 outlets in Canada to be unionized.

The United Food and Commercial Works union said the Ontario Labour Relations Board has agreed to hold a secret-ballot certification vote at the Mississauga store tomorrow.

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Athos, Porthos and Aramis were swashbuckling yesterday in London for the world premiere of The Three Musketeers in 3D. Matthew Macfadyen, Ray Stevenson and Luke Evans — were joined at the launch by Logan Lerman, who plays D'Artagnan.
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Ralph Fiennes, David Cronenberg to receive career honours at London Film Festival

Clooney waxes political

Ides of March reflects cynicism of the times, says actor-turned-director That's 'probably good'

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN HOLLYWOOD

HANDOUT

▶ Presidential politics: George Clooney directs and stars in Ides of March.

George Clooney's new film, Ides of March, takes what some might call a cynical look at the state of American politics, but that doesn't mean the director and star — ever the optimist — has given up on the system all together.

"I think it's cyclical," he says. "I think we're at a period of time where it's probably not our best moment in politics, but if you look at the things Jefferson and Adams did to each other, the 1800 election was pretty rotten and evil. Things change and are cyclical, so I'm hopeful."

The film, based on Beau Willimon's play Farragut North, follows an idealistic young campaign worker (Ryan Gosling) whose work for a charismatic candidate (Clooney) during the Democratic primary opens his eyes to the underbelly of politics.

But as much as campaign signs and Beltway jargon make up the scenery of Ides of March, Clooney wants to make clear that this is not a political film — at least not the way he sees it.

"I thought of this as a film about moral choices, not about political strife," he says.

"I thought it was a fun moral tale, and once you put it in politics it sort of amps up the problems. There isn't a person you have met that hasn't been met with moral questions. Everyone makes moral choices to better themselves and hurt others along the way, whether the means justifies the ends."

In fact, he maintains, the political setting is actually incredibly incidental — especially considering current events. "It could have been better in Wall Street," he offers.

With acclaimed films like Confessions of a Dangerous Mind and Good Night and Good Luck on his resumé, Clooney is proving just as adept as a director as he is as an actor.

So how different is the Clooney behind the camera to the one audiences know? Not very. "He's pretty much the same guy as George Clooney the actor," he jokes. "Basically the same height, same hair. Pretty much the same."

As for his on-camera work for the film, surely Clooney used some real-life models in portraying a top-ranking politico, right? Not so much, he insists. "No, there really weren't" any existing public figures used for this basis of his character, Clooney says.

"There's just so many ways to get in trouble with this answer. There were enough examples that we just picked little pieces of whatever we wanted."

But he maintains that viewers going out looking for those real-world corollaries are wasting their time. "People think it's about the John Edwards thing, but this was written before the John Edwards thing even broke," Clooney offers as an example.

"People think that films somehow are trying to lead society. Mostly we're reflecting the moods and thoughts that are going on in our country and around the world. If this film reflects some of the cynicism that we've seen in recent times, that's probably good. It's not a bad thing to hold a mirror up and look at some of the things we're doing. It's not a bad thing to look at how we elect our officials."

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Doing what you have to do in Hollywood

Thomas Jane talks about the seedy side of life in L.A.

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▶ Thomas Jane

Hung star Thomas Jane is being remarkably frank about his early days in Hollywood, telling the L.A. Times that he used to perform sexual favours for men to get by.

"When I was a kid out here in L.A., I was homeless. I didn't have any money and I was living in my car. I wasn't averse to going down to Santa Monica Boulevard and letting a guy buy me a sandwich. Know what I mean?" he reveals. "You're a lot more open to experimentation as a young man. And for me, being a young artist and broke in Los Angeles, I was exploring my sexual identity."

"You're a lot more open to experimentation as a young man."
THOMAS JANE

In his own defense, Jane points to a long history of such work in Hollywood.

"As James Dean said, you're going to have one arm tied behind your back if you don't accept people's sexual favours."

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A dream come true

Cruising on the Disney Dream ship a real treat for this Metro writer's little princess

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When my four-year-old-daughter Riley and I arrived at the Disney Dream's home port in Port Canaveral, Fla., we knew we were in for the vacation of a lifetime. In fact, Riley was convinced we were setting sail for Never Land!

In reality, we were boarding the newest vessel in the Disney Cruise line collection and setting sail for a two-day adventure to Disney's private island in the Bahamas; Castaway Cay.

The Disney Dream is the third ship in the Disney Cruise Line fleet.

Once aboard, we understood quickly why they named this classic ocean liner the Disney Dream. The name says it all: a breathtaking Grand Atrium, elegance and luxury on each deck, silhouetted by Disney character detail at every turn. The staterooms, waterslides, restaurants, kids clubs and stage shows were classic Disney imagineering. We stayed in a spacious, Deluxe Oceanview Stateroom with veranda. Roomy enough to sleep four, this stateroom boasted a queen-size bed with below-bed storage, convertible sofa, split bath and private balcony.

Cruising is all about great food and we dined like Disney Princesses, as Riley would say.

The rotational dining approach allowed us to enjoy a different restaurant every night. The restaurants are themed — which Riley loved. The Enchanted Garden boasts a garden-inspired decor with a menu that allows you to select choices from around the world including Riley's favourite fish, pan-seared sea bass.

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▶ The Disney Dream is a 'dream' for kids, but also has plenty to keep adults happy, such as lounges, nightclubs and fine dining.

▶ Ruth and Riley

The Animator's Palate, the main dining room, was like being inside a Disney animation studio. The walls were adorned with tools of the trade, the interior magically transformed into a live under-sea, interactive adventure with Crush the Turtle from Finding Nemo. And Crush got personal, dude. He would swim from tank to tank asking questions of the diners that generated some gnarly laughs.

There were also many casual dining options on board.

Riley and I have so many Disney Dream memories including the spectacular Pirates of the Caribbean Show, a pirate-themed deck party that included pre-show games hosted by swashbuckling scallywags.

The pirate show was so realistic that Riley was convinced we had entered Never Land and were captured by Captain Hook.

Following the show, Buccaneer Blast, a musically synced fireworks show lit up the night sky.

Another of Riley's favourite memories? The Oceaneer's Club, an activity centre for kids aged three to 10. This supervised play centre is home to Disney-style imaginative worlds.

And while the little buccaneers are at play, there is a lot to do for the adults.

The District is an adults-only entertainment area, complete with lounges and nightclubs.

Riley and I landed back home with a trunkful of memories.

My most cherished? My little girl cuddling up to me midship in an oversized golden throne on our final day and whispering that her favourite part of this magical journey was spending time with me.

Travel in brief

With a little research and planning, family trips can be fun-filled and hassle-free.
Plan Ahead: Use the Internet, travel guides and personal recommendations to research attractions, book a hotel or reserve tickets.
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I graduated from the University of Lethbridge with a BSc in computer science. The IT job market is a dog-eat-dog world and I always knew that a simple BSc degree would not be enough to get my foot in the door, which is why I decided to enhance my degree with co-op experience.

A university education teaches you theory, whereas a co-op lets you apply those theories to the real world. I contacted the U of L career centre, researched potential employers and applied to the positions that appealed to me.

I completed a 12-month co-op work term with the Government of Alberta as a project assistant for the Ministry of Employment and Immigration.

Throughout my work term, I was pleasantly surprised with the challenging work and the level of responsibility I was given. My colleagues valued the work I did and my supervisor always encouraged me to take advantage of any learning opportunities.

This co-op experience added significant value to my university studies and gave me a head start in my career. A co-op work-term often serves as a "test drive" for both employers and students to evaluate if they're suitable for employment upon graduation.

My advice to fellow students and recent graduates is to look for a position that offers you an opportunity for learning and advancement. Research the employer you want to work for so you are able to articulate what you can bring to the table and what you hope to achieve from the experience.

Where I am now

During my last semester, I received a job offer from a major energy company as an IT analyst.

But that was not my dream job. Ever since my co-op work term with the Government of Alberta, I've wanted to work in the public sector. So when the Ministry of Employment and Immigration office offered me a position as a business analyst a year later, I seized the opportunity. I provide consulting and project leadership services in order to meet business needs.

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▶ Manwar Khan

What I learned

Key take-aways from Manwar's experience:

- **Research employers** to find out which ones offer what you're looking for, whether it's training, mentorship, lots of responsibility — or all of the above.
- **Test drive** employers during co-op terms and internships to see if you like them (and if they like you).
- **Try to work** in a variety of industries and organizations to find out what kind of work you enjoy doing.

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'KITCHEN SINK' APPROACH TO CONTRACTS CAN FAIL

WORKPLACE LAW

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This is the tale of two recent appeal cases, which together confirm my "Kitchen Sink" theory on employment contracts. That is, employers often bargain for excessive protection, no matter how junior or administrative the employee. However, in seeking such protection, they sometimes get none at all.

In 1992, Tom Mason signed an employment contract with his employer Chem-Trend Ltd., which contained a non-compete clause preventing him from dealing with its customers for one year after he left the company.

Mason did not hear about the contract again until 17 years later when he was suddenly fired.

When Mason learned that companies were hesitant to offer him jobs, fearful they could be sued due to his non-compete clause, he went to court to ask that it be declared invalid.

An Ontario judge concluded that the clause was clear and that Mason was bound by what he signed.

Employers collectively sighed in relief since most court cases strike down these clauses based on the courts' interpretation of what is fair, and not what the contract actually states.

Mason appealed and that is exactly what the Ontario Court of Appeal found. Chem-Trend's contract was drafted in a manner that was unfair to Mason and consequently, it was invalid.

Similarly, the Alberta Court of Appeal recently refused to enforce the non-compete clauses in the employment contracts of three traders at the foreign exchange firm Globex.

What is important about this case is not the fact that the contracts were struck down but the Court's ruling that an employee who is wrongfully dismissed should be relieved from complying with post-employment restrictions, such as a non-compete or non-solicit clause regardless of how they are drafted.

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Texas. Toasts

▶ The Rangers celebrate their American League Division Series win over the Rays yesterday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Rangers headed to another ALCS after dispatching Rays

Adrian Beltre hit three-straight home runs and the defending AL champion Texas Rangers advanced again, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in Game 4 yesterday to win their playoff matchup.
Beltre put on a power show that few players in major league history have matched, helping Texas take the best-of-five series and ending the Rays' remarkable run to the wild-card spot. In the National League, the Philadelphia Phillies held off the St. Louis Cardinals 3-2 to take a 2-1 lead in their playoff series.

Winnipeg ready to party like it's NHL 1994

THE HOCKEY NEWS

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For the past decade, whenever a friend and I fired up the latest version of an EA Sports' NHL video game, we'd always team up as the Winnipeg Jets to take on all comers. Perhaps it was the nostalgia of the white out or the thought of having a big-league sports team in a small Canadian market that attracted us. We were too young to ever really be fans of the original Jets, but we both agreed, if a team ever came back to Winnipeg, we would claim it as our new watching interest.

But, really, we never thought it would actually happen. An NHL team in Winnipeg? That's so 1980s.

Now the day of revival is nearly upon us. And I still don't really believe it.

To be sure, it doesn't matter how well the Jets fare this season. Excitement is so high it'll shade any shortcomings. The truth is while Winnipeg has returned to the NHL, the Jets have yet to arrive.

A lot needs to fall in place for the Jets to crack the East's top-eight. First and foremost is Andrew Ladd who has improved at each stop in his NHL career. As captain, the spotlight will be on Ladd to lead the way for a middling offence. Of course, this team has the potential to go above and beyond middle of the road status, but that would require career years from Evander Kane, Blake Wheeler and Eric Fehr. Plus, Bryan Little has to find the 31-goal form he had in 2008-09 playing alongside Ilya Kovalchuk.

On defence most of the focus will be on Dustin Byfuglien, but the Jets' best blue-liner might be the much smaller Tobias Enstrom. If Zach Bogosian can break out this season the way others from his draft have, the Jets will be in a good place. The only place that's really shaky with little chance to overachieve is in net, where Ondrej Pavelec must find consistency.

There is a lot to like and get excited about with this team, but just because it has scores of promising youth, it doesn't guarantee immediate gains.

You'll be hard-pressed to find any prognosticators agreeing with each other about this team, but I think we can all at least agree to enjoy this surreal return.

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▶ The new Yaris might have less of a wow factor than cars such as the new Hyundai Accent, but the Yaris's style is practically without flaw. Others have developed more modern powertrains, however, which seems out of step for Toyota, which is normally seen as the natural leader.

Toyota's old dog still barks

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It used to be that picking a small car was pretty easy: there just weren't that many candidates, plain and simple.

Now it's like trying to pick a puppy from the pound.

There are plenty of cute choices with all kinds of bark and sass, and more keep arriving every day it seems.

In that respect, the Yaris was more of an old dog than a young pup, but the upgrades for the 2012 model year at least keep it fresh enough to belong with newcomers such as the Mazda2, Hyundai Accent, Chevy Sonic and Ford Fiesta.

The first-generation Yaris that lasted for five model years wasn't the liveliest runner on the track, but a roomy interior and low price kept it on the front burner. As well, the tiny Toyota could be had in two or four-door hatchback body styles, as well as a four-door sedan.

There's no word if a trunk-equipped Yaris will again be built, but both hatches return in slightly enlarged formats.

The upgraded, crisper-looking Yaris will remain among the more popular small-car picks, even as the entire category adds variety at a steady clip.

Indeed the pound is getting bigger and the new pups are getting everyone's attention, but at least the Yaris now has enough bark to be noticed.

Toyota Yaris

What you should know about the 2012 Toyota Yaris:

- **Types:** Two- /four-door, front-wheel-drive sub-compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.5-litre DOHC I4 (106).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual; four-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Mileage:** 7.0 l/100 km city, 5.7 highway (automatic).

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A3 has a mainly-satisfied owner community

SECOND GEAR

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2006 to 2011 Audi A3

Audi's entry-level model, the A3, is a five-door hatchback with four- or six-cylinder power, available Quattro AWD and all the flexibility and functionality of an upscale German mini-wagon.

The A3 has been nicknamed the Beverly Hills GTI in some circles, referencing its Volkswagen-based underpinnings and engines.

Feature content included upgraded audio, heated leather, navigation, folding rear seats, a panoramic sunroof and plenty more.

Engine

Look for VW Group's two-litre turbo four-cylinder with 200 horsepower, or a 3.2-litre V-6 with 250. Quattro was standard with the six-cylinder engine and available on four-cylinder units later in the A3's life.

What owners like

Existing A3 owners typically rave about styling, build quality, comfort levels, all-season traction and even fuel efficiency on models with the four-cylinder engine. Good ride and handling characteristics round out the package.

What owners dislike

Owners say the A3 won't prove the most comfortable way to haul around four or five adults, and the centre console chews nicely into the driver's right-side knee space. Owners of earlier models typically wished for Bluetooth compatibility, and many report "weak" factory tires.

Common issues

Hard, inconsistent or "sloppy" shifting from the Direct Shift Gearbox (DSG) may be caused by a faulty computer control or "mechatronics" unit, which controls this advanced transmission. Long-term reliability of the DSG gearbox is currently unclear. If you're happy driving a manual, stick to your guns.

Note that sporadic acceleration or a "lumpy" feel to the engine's power delivery could be related to faulty or failing ignition coils.

Verdict

There are more affordable and reliable ways to get around than the A3 — though a largely satisfied owner community suggests that the potential issues are far outweighed by the rewarding year-round driving experience and luxury.

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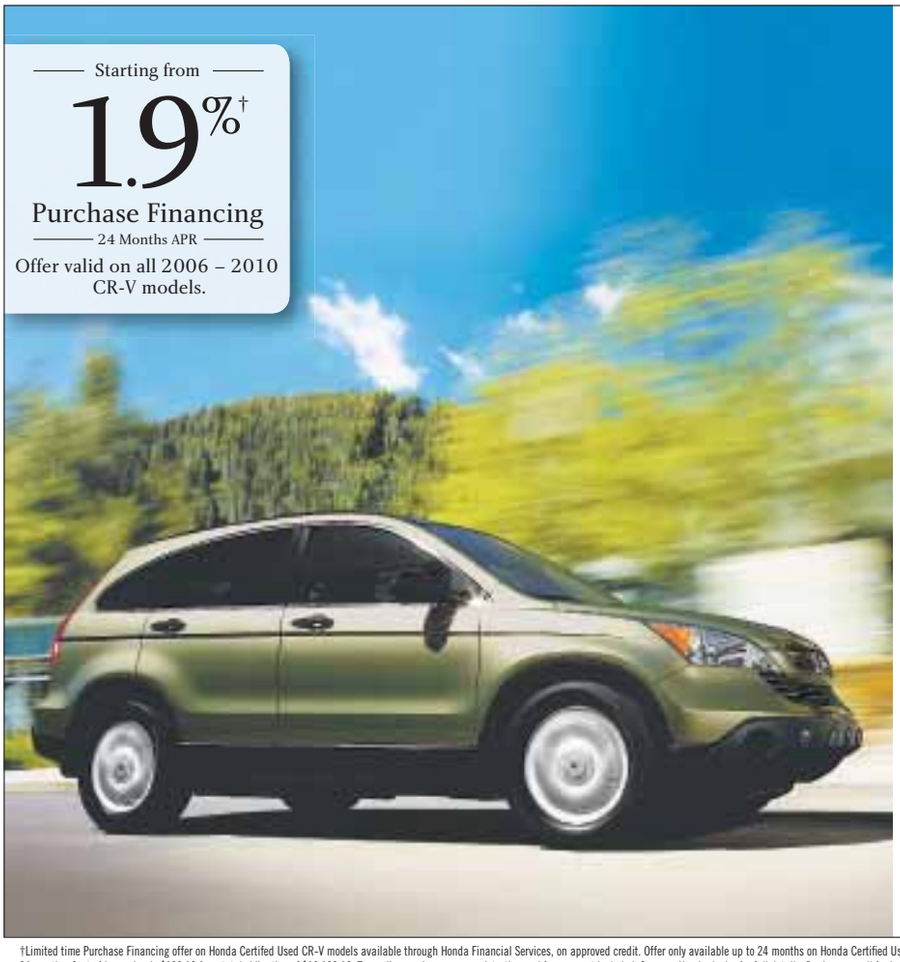

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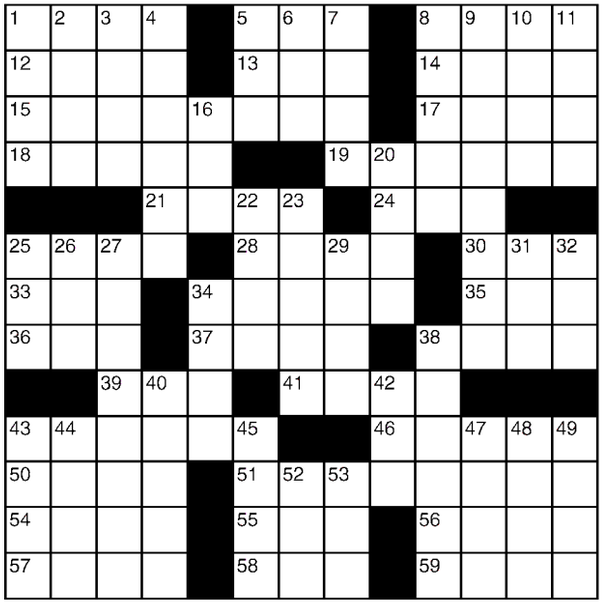

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8 Acknowledge
12 Reed instrument
13 Cattle call
14 Options list
15 Bean spiller?
17 Curved lines
18 Left the chair
19 Nickelodeon spillages
21 Afternoon affairs
24 Lennon's lady
25 Use a paper towel
28 Scorch
30 Can. neighbor
33 The whole thing
34 Aquatic flora
35 Kennedy or Koppel
36 Crafty
37 Greenish blue
38 At the home of (Fr.)
39 It's the word
41 Lemon coating
43 Oklahoman
46 Passion
50 Piece of work
51 Cape Cod city
54 Greek cheese
55 Lamb's dam
56 Apportion (out)
57 In need of liniment
58 Gender
59 Old portico

Down

1 Goes up and down
2 Death notice
3 NASA scrub
4 Lower in rank
5 Ostrich's cousin
6 Obtained
7 Ahs' mates
8 Forcefully
9 Martini ingredient
10 Erstwhile
11 Wimpy sort
16 Rhyming tribute
20 Unmatched
22 With skill
23 "— and spice and ..."
25 Existed
26 Under the weather
27 Old Chrysler
29 Hindu princess
31 Witness
32 Wood-shaping tool
34 Pinnacle
38 Data holders
40 Recant
42 "Platoon" setting
43 Couch
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45 Deli loaves
47 Song for two
48 "Beetle Bailey" dog
49 Perlman of "Cheers"
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 It's one of those days when you would rather be anywhere but where you are supposed to be. Chin up.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Nothing you do is ever wasted. Your big breakthrough WILL come.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 It may seem as if certain people are being deliberately obstructive, and maybe they are, but why should that be? Think about it.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 There is no need to worry about the future. You may not have gotten the breaks you wanted, but that's life.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 No matter how unsettling the changes that are taking place may be, they are all for the best in the long-term.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Sometimes, it can be all too easy to get depressed, so focus on things that bring a smile to your face.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The secret to happiness is to keep moving forwards. It's all about self-motivation. Go for it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You made an error of judgment and need to make amends to those who followed your advice and lost.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Most of the time your hunches are spot on, but if you trust your instincts today, it may all go wrong.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Your relationship with people in authority is more important than usual, stay in their good books.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may think someone is keeping something from you, and maybe they are. It doesn't have to be bad.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Let certain people know that you will not allow them to get rich at your expense. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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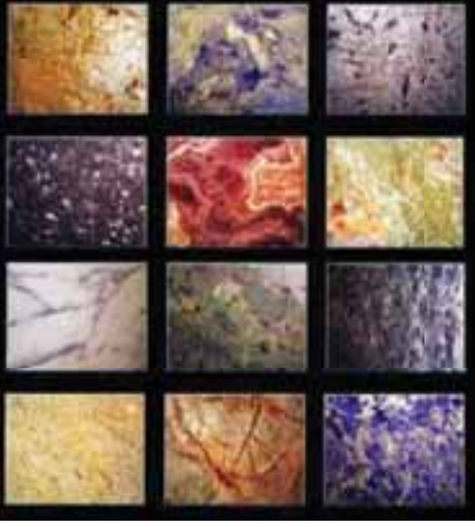

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